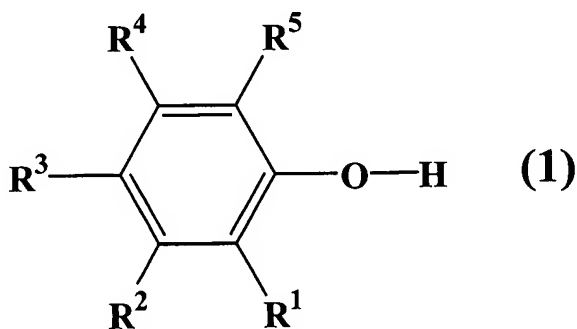


REMARKS

Claims 1-88 are pending in the present application, and claims 38-88 have been withdrawn. By this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled claim 2 and amended claims 1,3,6, and 9. Applicants note with appreciation the Allowance of claims 16-37. For at least the reasons set forth below, Applicants submit that the claims 1-15 are patentably distinguishable over the cited art.

Claims 1 to 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,858,697 to Mayorga et al. ("Mayorga").

Claim 1 is directed to an organohydrosiloxane composition that includes:
(a) one or more organohydrosiloxane compounds selected from a group consisting of: one or more linear organohydrosiloxane compounds, a mixture of linear organohydrosiloxane compounds, a mixture of linear and cyclic organohydrosiloxane compounds, and any combinations thereof. Each compound has at least one [-HSiR-O-] unit, wherein R = C₁-C₁₈ linear, branched, or cyclic alkyl, C₁-C₁₈ linear, branched, or cyclic alkoxy, or substituted or unsubstituted aryl; and (b) an antioxidant compound of Formula (1),



wherein the antioxidant compound is a phenolic compound and is present in an amount between about 1 ppm to about 5000 ppm, and wherein R¹ through R⁵ are each independently H, OH, C₁-C₁₈ linear, branched, or cyclic alkyl, C₁-C₁₈ linear, branched, or cyclic alkoxy or substituted or unsubstituted aryl.

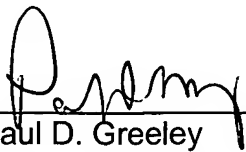
Mayorga teaches a process for stabilizing a cyclotetrasiloxane, such as 1,3,5,7-tetramethylcyclotetrasiloxane, against polymerization used in a chemical vapor deposition process for silicon oxides in electronic material fabrication. The process provides an effective amount of a neutral to weakly acidic polymerization inhibitor to a substituted cyclotetrasiloxane. (Col. 2, line 61 to col. 3 line 15).

In response, Applicants submit that Mayorga fails to disclose or suggest all the limitations of Applicant's amended claims. Specifically, as noted above, Mayorga is directed to a process for stabilizing polymers during chemical vapor deposition of silicon oxides in electronic material fabrication. The process inhibits polymerization of cyclotetrasiloxanes through the use of an inhibitor. (See Col. 4, lines 14-31). Notably absent from Mayorga, are any compositions within the scope of claim 1. Specifically, Mayorga fails to teach compositions for stabilizing linear siloxanes, mixtures of linear siloxanes, or mixtures of linear and cyclic siloxane compounds having a phenolic antioxidant of formula 1 in an amount recited by claim 1. Therefore, since Mayorga fails to disclose or suggest all the elements of the pending claims, this reference cannot anticipate the invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Action's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), of claims 1 to 15.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 to 15 are patentably distinguishable over the cited reference. Therefore, passage of this application to allowance is earnestly solicited.

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